

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2007

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
JUSTICE WILLIAM E. MCANULTY, JR.**

Sponsored By: Councilwoman Mary Woolridge

WHEREAS, William E. McAnulty, Jr., the youngest of three children born to William E. McAnulty, Sr., and Ann Moss McAnulty on October 9, 1947, in Indianapolis, Indiana, departed this life on August 23, 2007, in Louisville, Kentucky, after a brief illness; and

WHEREAS, during his 59 year lifespan, William E. McAnulty, Jr. was able to blaze a rich trail including: academic accomplishments; public service contributions; numerous awards for leadership (*the Henry V. Pennington Outstanding Judge of the Year Award; the Louisville Bar Association Judge of the Year Award; the Thomas C. Simons Leadership Award; Metro United Way's Allen Society Leadership Award; the Distinguished Alumni Award from Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville; Honorary Membership in the Golden Key National Honor Society; recognition by the AFL-CIO Community Service Award; Outstanding Alumnus of Phi Alpha Delta Vincent Chapter; recipient of the Lawrence S. Grauman Award from the Brandeis School of Law; and the YMCA's Black Achiever Award*); and prolific judicial experience, all of which will serve as a model for the youth of Louisville and Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, Justice McAnulty enjoyed a full and rewarding legal career as an appointed Juvenile Court judge in 1975; Jefferson County District Court judge in 1977; Jefferson County Circuit Court judge in 1984, and again from 1993-1998; partner in the Greenebaum, Doll, and McDonald law firm from 1990–1993; first African American

elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals in 1998; and finally the first African American to be appointed, then elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Justice McAnulty, intellectually brilliant, fun-loving and quick witted, remained spiritually reverant throughout his life, and faithful to his beloved Highland Presbyterian Church affiliation. He loved people and made no distinction between those of differing academic, social, political, racial or economic backgrounds, while on the bench, or in his daily walk on Earth; and

WHEREAS, Justice McAnulty was a giant among humankind, having many admirers and emulators. He was scrupulously dedicated to his family and leaves to mourn the loss of his presence, his wife, Kristi; his four children: Patrick, Katheryn, William, III, and Shannon; his father, William, E. McAnulty, Sr.; his stepmother, Augusta; his two sisters, the Rev. Jean McAnulty Smith and Patricia McAnulty; and his niece, Kelly Moss Lamm; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ernie Fletcher recently honored the memory of Justice McAnulty in the Capitol rotunda, calling him a man of “wit and wisdom,” and adding that, “He was a fine individual who made a great difference to his friends and colleagues and to the Supreme Court and the Commonwealth;” and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the Louisville Metro Council should honor this great man, whose life and legacy will live in the hearts and minds of residents and citizens of the Louisville, Kentucky area, as a symbol of honesty, integrity, light-heartedness, intellectual genius, and superb human accomplishment; thereby confirming to all, that much can be accomplished in life with an optimistic, caring, thoughtful, and grateful attitude.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: That Justice William E. McNulty, Jr. be recognized by the Council as an outstanding human being, lawyer and jurist, having contributed much to the intellectual and legal climate, growth and development of the metro area of Louisville and Jefferson County; and that the life and legacy of Justice William E. McNulty, Jr. shall serve as a beacon for the Council as it continues its work, promoting opportunities and empowering the lives of all of its citizens.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk

Rick Blackwell
President of the Council

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Irv Maze
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